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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

September 13, 1957.

Ferrante Gorian,
Avendida Juan Maria,
Montevideo,
Uruguay.

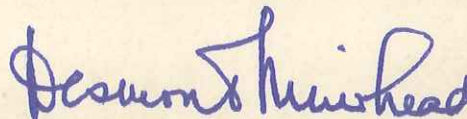
Dear Senor Gorian,

As a fellow member of the International
Federation of Landscape Architects, I wonder if you could help
me.

I am at present writing a book on landscape
design and would like to include some of the work of Uruguay.
If you could supply me with a photograph or two of good gardens
in Uruguay, I would be very grateful. Perhaps you have some of
your work and some of your friends in the society. I am particu-
larly interested in contemporary work showing children's play
areas, fountains, sculpture, murals, planting and rock work.

Looking forward to hearing from you and per-
haps seeing you if you are ever in this part of the world. I am
enclosing a small booklet which I have written on street trees
which I hope you may find interesting.

Sincerely,
DESMOND MUIRHEAD & ASSOCIATES LTD.Z



Desmond Muirhead.

GDM:kj
Encl.

October 23, 1957

Mr.

Desmond MUIRHEAD

6435 West Boulevard

V A N C O U V E R 13, B.C.

Canada

Dear Mr. Muirhead,

I received yesterday your letter dated 13th September and the booklet "The trees in your Street" with very interesting pictures and landscape designs for which I thank you.

I notice the beautiful display that you make in the planting of trees for public and private uses.

I shall be very grateful to assist you in your fine and onerous work. I shall be pleased to forward to you about the end of this year further photographs of my works, which I hope you will like and find worthy of including in your book.

As this is a rather small country with limited resources, so far we have not formed a society of landscape architects. Also, the majority of the people do not yet go in for inside or outside gardens of extraordinary importance, like in Northern & Central Europe or in North America. I would like to write to you about several important matters on the subject but have to leave it for another opportunity.

I do sincerely hope that I shall have the pleasure of meeting you in the future and be able to exchange ideas with you.

(follows letter to Mr. Muirhead dated November 23, 1957)

People talk a lot about Canada and consider it a very progressive and prosperous country. I am acquainted with your very important works as regards gardens.

People who have travelled all over the world say that they have not seen anywhere else such beautiful gardens as those in Victoria.

If possible, please write to me by air mail.

Yours very sincerely

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November 26, 1957

Mr. Ferrante Gorian,
Landscape Architect,
Montevideo,
Avenida Juan Maria Perez 6325.

Dear Mr. Gorian,

It was very nice to get your letter.
I am sorry that it took so long to get there, but
we sent out several books, and some were sent sea
mail by mistake.

I will be very interested to see
photographs of your work. If there is any possi-
bility of enclosing plans as well, I will be very
glad. There is a certain amount of hurry in this
respect, as my deadline is approaching. If there
is any chance of speeding them up, I will be very
glad. [again!]

I am glad that you have heard of the
gardens in Victoria, since we are responsible for
quite a few. Are you going to the IFLA convention
in Washington next year? Perhaps I shall see you
there.

With best wishes!

Sincerely,

DESMOND MUIRHEAD & ASSOCIATES LTD.

Desmond Muirhead

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Desmond Muirhead

Enero 10 de 1958
January 10th, 1958

Mr.
Desmond MUIRHEAD
6435 West Boulevard
V A N C O U V E R 13 B.C.
(Canada)

Dear Colleague,

With reference to your last letter, I should like to let know that I am preparing something new, not yet published, for your book.

For unforeseen reasons, that are completely beyond my control, I shall have to delay a few more days.

As you have been so kind as to wait so long, I beg you to wait a little longer.

I will send everything by airmail about the 15th-or 17th of this month.

This consists of 2-3 small oil paintings of my work, interpretations of the famous Italian mural artist Lino Dinetto, exhibitor in the Biennial of San Paulo.

With nothing more to say for now,

I remain,
your sincerely

20th January, 1958

Mr.
Desmond MUIRHEAD
Landscape Architect
6435 West Boulevard
V A N C O U V E R 13, B.C.
(Canada)

Dear Mr. Muirhead,

As promised, I airmailed you on the 17th inst. a role containing three sketches of my work, done in oils by the muralist Lino Dinetto.

The smallest is a picture of our own outdoor living-room in the centre of our nursery-garden. The other two show two aspects of another private garden in Montevideo designed by me.

Please note that all ³~~three~~ are pictures of existing work, and not just projects.

I hope that it will be possible for you to have this sketches reproduced in colours in your book.

As soon as you have finished with them, or should they be of no use to you, I would greatly appreciate your returning the ³~~three~~ sketches to me, because I have received similar requests from Europe.

Please return them by registered ocean-mail letter-post, and not by parcel-post, because the latter requires long and expensive work to clear through customs here, whereas letter-post does not.

Hoping that those sketches will be of use to you, and looking forward to hearing from you,

I remain,
yours sincerely

February 6th, 1958

Mr.
Desmond MUIRHEAD
Landscape Architect
6435 West Boulevard
V A N C O U V E R 13, B.C.
Canada)

Dear Mr. Muirhead,

I send you adjoining some photographs, three of which are from the oil-sketches I sent you on the January 17th, 1958.

The other ones are from a garden on a terrace, builded on top of a garage.

I got them yesterday. As I told you before about the oil-sketches, if you can't use the photographs, I would appreciate having them sent back.

Waiting news from you

sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Spicer', written in a cursive style.

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February 24, 1958.

Mr. Ferrante Gorian
Landscape Architect
Montevideo
Avenida Juan Maria Perez 6325.

Dear Mr. Gorian:

Many thanks for your photographs and the beautiful oil paintings, which arrived recently. I have been out of town for the past two weeks, otherwise I should have got them sooner. Unfortunately these things always happen. My deadline for the book was the end of January and I shall not be able to include them. However, I am extremely glad to have seen the good work that you are doing in Montevideo.

I expect the book to be out this fall and will send you one in return for your kind cooperation. I am mailing your oil paintings back at once, as I know there is somebody else who wants to use them, so they will not be wasted.

With kind regards and hoping to see you in the not too distant future.

Sincerely,

DESMOND MUIRHEAD & ASSOCIATES LTD.

G. D. Muirhead [Signature]

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